

## § 1080.2

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### § 1080.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part, unless explicitly stated to the contrary:

*Act* means the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, as amended, Public Law 111–203 (July 21, 2010), Title X, 12 U.S.C. 5481 *et seq.*

*Assistant Director of the Division of Enforcement* means the head of the Division of Enforcement or any Bureau employee to whom the Assistant Director of the Division of Enforcement has delegated authority to act under this part.

*Bureau* means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

*Bureau investigation* means any inquiry conducted by a Bureau investigator for the purpose of ascertaining whether any person is or has been engaged in any conduct that is a violation.

*Bureau investigator* means any attorney or investigator employed by the Bureau who is charged with the duty of enforcing or carrying into effect any Federal consumer financial law.

*Custodian* means the custodian or any deputy custodian designated by the Bureau for the purpose of maintaining custody of information produced pursuant to this part.

*Director* means the Director of the Bureau or a person authorized to perform the functions of the Director in accordance with the law.

*Division of Enforcement* means the division of the Bureau responsible for enforcement of Federal consumer financial law.

*Documentary material* means the original or any copy of any book, document, record, report, memorandum, paper, communication, tabulation, chart, logs, electronic files, or other data or data compilations stored in any medium, including electronically-stored information.

*Electronically stored information (ESI)* means any information stored in any electronic medium from which information can be obtained either directly or, if necessary, after translation by the responding party into a reasonably usable form.

*General Counsel* means the General Counsel of the Bureau or any Bureau employee to whom the General Counsel

has delegated authority to act under this part.

*Person* means an individual, partnership, company, corporation, association (incorporated or unincorporated), trust, estate, cooperative organization, or other entity.

*Violation* means any act or omission that, if proved, would constitute a violation of any provision of Federal consumer financial law.

### § 1080.3 Policy as to private controversies.

The Bureau shall act only in the public interest and will not initiate an investigation or take other enforcement action when the alleged violation is merely a matter of private controversy and does not tend to affect adversely the public interest.

### § 1080.4 By whom conducted.

Bureau investigations are conducted by Bureau investigators designated and duly authorized under section 1052 of the Act, 12 U.S.C. 5562, to conduct such investigations.

### § 1080.5 Notification of purpose.

Any person compelled to furnish documentary material, tangible things, written reports or answers to questions, oral testimony, or any combination of such material, answers, or testimony to the Bureau shall be advised of the nature of the conduct constituting the alleged violation that is under investigation and the provisions of law applicable to such violation.

### § 1080.6 Civil investigative demands.

(a) *In general.* In accordance with section 1052(c) of the Act, the Assistant Director of the Division of Enforcement may issue a civil investigative demand in any Bureau investigation directing the person named therein to produce documentary material for inspection and copying or reproduction in the form or medium requested by the Bureau; to submit tangible things; to provide a written report or answers to questions; to appear before a designated representative at a designated time and place to testify about documentary material, tangible things, or other information; and to furnish any